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FRANKFURT FOR RSS

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION, NICOSIA, FEBRUARY 14

1. LAST NIGHT ORDERLY CROWD OF SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS GATHERED OUTSIDE GREEK AND SOVIET EMBASSIES SHOUTING ANTI-NATO AND ANTI-CIA SLOGANS. SOME OF LYSSARIDES' SUPPORTERS WERE OBSERVED IN CROWD. LATER CROWD MOVED TO METAXAS SQUARE; LYSSARIDES ADDRESSED THEM AND SAID "GOVERNMENT HAS SITUATION WELL IN HAND". CROWD BROKE UP WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2. AT 0830 TODAY (FEB 14), APPROXIMATELY 7,000 PERSONS, MAINLY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, GATHERED AT METAXAS SQUARE, THEN PROCEEDED TO GREEK EMBASSY WHERE THEY WERE RECEIVED BY EMBASSY REP. THEMES OF CHANTS WERE ANTI-BRITISH AND ANTI-PARTITION. CROWD ORDERLY AND POLICE ESCORTED ALL THE WAY. NO INCIDENTS. BY 1050 HOURS LOCAL ALL BUT APPROXIMATELY 200 STUDENTS LEFT METAXAS SQUARE AND RETURNED TO SCHOOLS.

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3. AMEMBASSY PRESENTLY PROTECTED BY 20 CYPOL AND 45 CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD. WE CONSIDER THIS ADEQUATE FOR PRESENT.

4. ROUTINE LIAISON HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH UNFICYP (CANCON) FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES.

5. I SPOKE WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR THIS MORNING AND WAS ASSURED THAT ANY DEMONSTRATION TODAY WOULD POSE NO DANGER TO EMBASSY. LATER I WAS INFORMED BY GREEK AMBASSADOR THAT HE, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND CNG COMMANDER KARAYIANNIS HAD PERSONALLY MADE SURE THAT TODAY'S DEMONSTRATION WOULD NOT AFFECT FOREIGN MISSIONS. I ACCEPT THESE ASSURANCES AS VALID FOR TIME BEING. HOWEVER, IMPACT OF YESTERDAY'S DECLARATION BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS IS JUST NOW BEGINNING TO SINK IN, AND MEDIA HAS NOT HAD TIME TO WORK ON POPULAR EMOTIONS. I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL EXPERIENCE A PERIOD OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND HEIGHTENED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WHICH MAY LAST A WEEK OR MORE.

6. WILL SEND SECURITY SITREPS AS REQUIRED.
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